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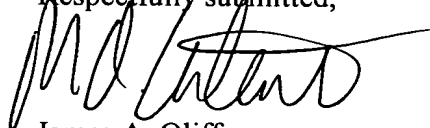
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 1 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference 3 is attached hereto.

- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publications have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-3.

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	1	JP A 2001-228541 w/trans.	08/24/2001	Japan		
	2	JP A 8-227034 w/trans.	09/03/1996	Japan		
	3	JP A 2002-350779 w/trans. + abstr.	12/04/2002	Japan		

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